

FISCAL UPDATE News Article

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IOWA PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD MEETING

Meeting. The Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) met on June 17, 2016, in Des Moines. The Board took the following action:

- Accepted Cases: The Board accepted four complaint cases for further review. These cases
 included allegations of public meeting violations in the cities of Council Bluffs and Akron, as well as
 against the lowa Department for the Blind. The Board also accepted an open records violation
 allegation claimed against the Highland Community School District in Riverside, Iowa. These cases
 will be investigated and reported on at the July 2016 meeting.
- **Dismissed Cases:** The Board dismissed nine complaint allegations, including two probable cause reports and one investigative report. The Board found that these cases were either legally insufficient or did not fall under the Board's authority pursuant to lowa Code chapters <u>21</u> (Open Meetings) and <u>22</u> (Open Records).
- Special Investigation Hearing: Crawford County Memorial Hospital (CCMH): The Board also conducted a hearing regarding an alleged open records violation against the Crawford County Memorial Hospital (CCMH) in Denison, Iowa. According to two formal complaints, CCMH violated Iowa Code chapter 22 when it refused to release a requested list of names of current hospital volunteers. The Board determined that the names were a public record under Iowa Code chapter 22, and will hold an additional hearing in July 2016 to determine whether or not an injunction under Iowa Code section 22.8 should be entered prohibiting the disclosure of the names to protect the identities of the hospital volunteers.

New Board Member: The Board also welcomed a new member. Keith Luchtel of Clive, Iowa, joined the Board on June 6, 2016, as a media representative. Mr. Luchtel also currently serves as Governor Branstad's special advisor for government transparency.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 21, 2016, in Des Moines.

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